

percentage of salary increase assuming that because they are the best educated they deserve more, whereas my contention is people in the lower pay scale get just as hungry as the rich. I really don't know whether I want to vote for this amendment or not. If I don't vote for it it is going to be because I want to send a message to the University that I think the intellectual eggheads don't deserve a bigger percentage increase than the fellows that are sweeping the floors and keeping the cafeterias going and doing the day to day work. In fact from what I have seen of some of the professors at some of the universities, I question if they shouldn't be the ones sweeping the floors and the people that were doing the other work be in the classroom teaching the common sense things that we are not giving our students today. But as I look at this again totalling it, \$4,362,779 for University and college employees, and then \$3,600,500 for all other state employees, it isn't that I am arguing with the increase, I am just wondering if maybe the University and the colleges perhaps some of their employess aren't already overpaid and our state agency employees are the ones that are subsidizing them. I really don't have any argument with your amendment, Senator Kilgarin. I think I just want to send a message to the University and tell them I don't really want to vote for the University employees increase as long as they are going to be so discriminating against the lesser educated people that work for them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner. (Gavel)
Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Kilgarin's amendment, two or three reasons I would like to mention. First I might point out that if you are looking at the figures, that only relates to general fund figures except till you get to state employees, there are a number of agencies or a few agencies, at least, that are totally cash funded who also would get the salary adjustment as indicated by the amendment but that theory doesn't show as a general fund expenditure and that is the one we primarily are dealing with. So the fact would be that the allocation of dollars between, as was asked, the University and the state employees in terms of total dollars would be different than just the general fund distribution and a good example would be like the Highway Department. There are no employees paid from the general fund in the Highway Department but rather they come from the highway user fees and that figure doesn't show when you talk about general fund only. So it makes a difference. But the reason I would rise to support the amendment is this that I